

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, and 16 and cancel claims 1-6, 11, and 17-34, as indicated below, without prejudice or disclaimer.

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim ~~6~~ 35, wherein said fastening device is a hitch pin.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim ~~2~~ 35, wherein said securing ring is lockable to said receiver.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim ~~2~~ 35, wherein said towing vehicle is a trailer.

10. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 9, wherein said mounting shaft is attachable to a tongue of said trailer.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim ~~2~~ 35, wherein said securing ring is removably attachable to allow said securing ring to be positioned at different locations on said small recreational vehicle.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim ~~2~~ 35, wherein said securing ring is mounted on a ring plate that is attachable to said small recreational vehicle.

14. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 13, wherein said ring plate is mountable to different parts of said small recreational vehicle.

15. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 13, wherein said ring plate is mountable to a bush guard of said small recreational vehicle by engaging a holding plate.

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 4 35, wherein said mounting shaft comprises a unitary structure.

17-34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for securing a small recreational vehicle to a bed of a towing vehicle, said apparatus comprising:

a mounting shaft extending in a longitudinal length and having a first end and a second end at opposing ends of said longitudinal length;

a mounting base integral to said shaft at said first end, said mounting base configured to be attachable around a tongue of said towing vehicle by a holding plate so that said second end of said shaft extends above said bed of said towing vehicle;

a U-shaped receiver operably attachable to said shaft by securing bolts, said u-shaped receiver having parallel arms extending outward from said shaft when said receiver is attached to said shaft and said receiver being adjustable along said shaft to accommodate small recreational vehicles of different heights;

said parallel arms each defining a locking aperture which are in parallel alignment with each other;

a securing ring attachable to said small recreational vehicle, said securing ring defining a ring aperture and fitting between said extending arms of said U-shaped receiver when said small recreational vehicle is placed on said bed of

said towing vehicle, said securing ring extending past said apertures defined in said parallel arms so that said locking apertures and said ring aperture are aligned; and

a removable fastening device positionable through both said locking apertures of said parallel arms and said ring aperture of said securing ring to hold said small recreational vehicle on said bed of said towing vehicle.

36-46. (Canceled)